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SACS Committee Update

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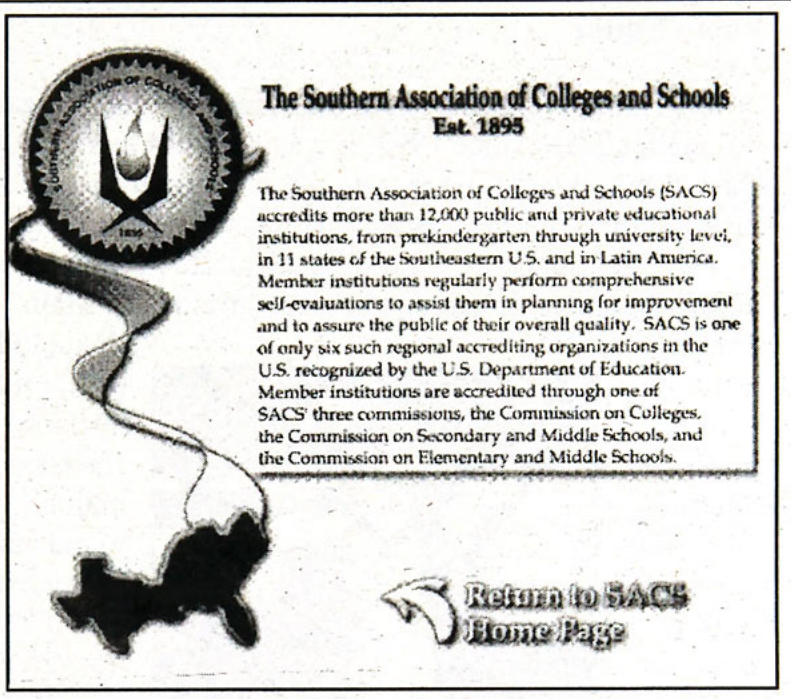
Saint Leo University is undergoing the re-accreditation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Accreditation with SACS allows Saint Leo to provide a universally accepted degree for graduates. Saint Leo has been preparing itself for the upcoming SACS Committee visit by conducting a self-study of the institution. For the past few weeks, lunchtime forums have been held to discuss Saint Leo's progress towards meeting SACS' goals and guidelines and to better prepare faculty, staff, and students for the Committee's visit in February.

Each phase of the self-study has focused on different aspects of accreditation criteria. The first section concentrates on the Principles and Philosophy of Accreditation, the second on Institutional Purpose, the third on Institutional Effectiveness, the fourth on the Educational Program, the fifth on Educational Support Services, and the sixth on the Administrative Processes.

Dr. Maribeth Durst, who is the Chair of the Executive Steering Committe, said, "I'm fully confident that we'll meet that deadline with something quite good." Durst added, "A lot of things have changed at this institution as a result of this self-study."

Saint Leo is embracing the re-accreditation process as an opportunity to improve itself. "It's good to go through and look at all aspects critically," Durst said. "If we are going to become a leading educational institution, we have to go through this painful process."

Professor Maura Snyder, who chairs the sub-committee on Institutional Purpose, Principles, and Philosophy, shares Durst's view on Saint Leo's need to change and reevaluate itself. "Cultures have changed, needs have changed, and so education needs to change," Snyder said. "We need to maintain an interest in the humanistic arts and disciplines, but we need to prepare our students for the other side of the world, which is making a living. They need to know the practical world, grow inside, and let that growth touch other creatures for the better."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Spring Hill Man Who Teaches at Saint Leo Fired After Arrest

By Ryan Davis, Times Staff Writer

SAINT LEO – A Saint Leo University religion teacher was fired Monday, school officials said, three days after he was charged with obtaining prescription drugs by fraud.

The Rev. George Cruz, 45, was arrested Friday for allegedly posing as a doctor while calling an Eckerd pharmacy to order 40 pills of propoxyphene, a prescription narcotic pain reliever.

"We are a drug-free workplace and the university's reaction was to remove him of his duties," Saint Leo spokeswoman Jennifer LeBeau said.

Cruz didn't want to get into many details when reached at his home in Spring Hill on Tuesday.

"It's a long and complicated story," Cruz said.

Cruz has been arrested and charged with the same drug offense in two previous incidents since he moved to Florida in 1997.

Cruz, who lives at 3280 Lambert Ave., was an adjunct professor teaching in Saint Leo's part-time evening and weekend program, LeBeau said. He joined the faculty for the 1999-2000 school year, was teaching a class this summer and was scheduled to teach another class this fall.

"This isn't a usual happening," LeBeau said.

Dade City police recount Friday's events as follows:

After Cruz called the Eckerd pharmacy on Friday posing as Dr. Shaworat Kero, a pharmacist checked with Kero to confirm the prescription. Kero said he did not authorize the prescription.

When Cruz picked up the drug at the pharmacy on U.S. 301 in Dade City, he was arrested.

He later told police

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New Faculty Profiles

Dr. Hammond, Math and Music

Nikki Franchini
Photo Editor

Dr. Hammond has been at Saint Leo University teaching math classes since 1992. It was not until this year that she was hired full-time to not only teach math, but to also instruct music classes, as well. How is this possible?

Dr. Hammond has not only a doctorate in Music (woodwind performance), but also a masters in Math. She says she could not make up her mind when declaring a major, so she chose to double major. Dr. Hammond also has a pretty exciting life out of Saint Leo. She does freelance work for orchestras. She has played the bassoon for such musicians as Yanni, Pavorotti, The Moody Blues, and even Ray Charles. She says that her experience at the Ray Charles performance was "Too loud. They even gave me earplugs."

"I once jumped a horse over my bassoon," explains Dr. Hammond when asked about something interesting she had done in life. If you ever have had or plan to take a class with Dr. Hammond you will hear about her three horses.

Dr. Hammond is very enthused to be at Saint Leo. When asked about being here, a great big glowing smile came to her face. She describes the attitude at Leo as "genuine and unique. You can really tell people care at Saint Leo."

Dr. Trost, History

Nikki Franchini
Photo Editor

Dr. Trost is a new face in the History department this year. Already she feels "completely welcomed at Saint Leo University. It feels like I am where I need to be. It is perfect."

The way that Dr. Trost came about choosing her major is after noticing that she had taken two history courses every semester in college, it was evident that history would be the right major for her. History takes her to another time and place. It sparks the imagination. The most interesting topic to Dr. Trost is social welfare in America. She did her research in Memphis, Tennessee. It was "literally in the basements" comments Dr. Trost. The case files she studied were from the 1900-1930 era. She found this to be an interesting time period, and she learned a lot about issues concerning social justice.

The motto that Dr. Trost practices is "living in ideas, not with money." She lives to challenge her students' ways of thinking and encourage imagination. She looks forward to watching her students grow independent and confident. She is compassionate towards shy students since she was shy in college.

Along with Dr. Columbe, Dr. Trost is the advisor to the new Association for Women Students on campus. This is just one way that Dr. Trost plans on making a difference in the Saint Leo University community.

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Athlete Profile: Scott Langen; Cross Country

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The alarm explodes, and Slangen is out of bed and off to practice. He looks at the clock, which reads 5:50 a.m., puts on his shoes and heads out the door.

This kind of behavior is not uncommon for Langen, a senior on the Saint Leo University cross country team, who has been waking up at 5:50 every morning for the last three years to go running. Langen says he runs about seven miles in the morning plus four more in the evening after dinner. This strenuous workout takes place at least five days a week with races coming on the weekends.

Langen, a senior from Stanhope, NJ, is the premier runner for the Saint Leo cross country team, but his roots are not laid in endurance running. He was on the wrestling team at Pope John high school in Stanhope. He also ran track in high school, which, is for more of the sprinting runners than the endurance monsters of the sport of cross country. He actually did not start running cross country until his sophomore year of college because, when he arrived on campus during his freshman year, Saint Leo did not even have a cross country team. Instead of running, Langen helped coach a local high school wrestling team.

The cross country happened the same way a lot of things happen on this campus. Enough students showed an interest and the school granted them a team. Scott was second on the team during the first year trailing only former student, Mike Dugen damane. Langen trated on mostly concenyear, but running that team has his role on the more become much gen has thorough. Lanmental in been instrurecruiting fundraising and country for the cross something team. That is loyalty that shows the that he and hard work cross country team. puts into the

Although Langen is happy with the way his running career has gone so far, there is something that he and the University disagree on. The Athletic department has yet to grant him an athletic scholarship for the accomplishments he has made in the sport. Throughout his three years running for Saint Leo, Langen has done very well in his sport and is making a name for Saint Leo Cross Country, yet he sees nothing in return.

But it is not the same old scenario of the "prima donna" athlete. He is not money hungry or attention starved. He is a man who wants respect.

It is hard for him to understand how basically every other sport can be awarded athletic scholarships, but the cross country team is overlooked by the University.

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Freshman Profile: Carissa Kennedy

Katie Etchison
Staff Writer

Carissa Kennedy is eighteen years old and a freshman at Saint Leo University. Kennedy said that on a one to ten scale, she would give Saint Leo about a nine, even though she admits there isn't much to do. She mentioned, "I like the size. My classes are small, and I like that because I can get a lot of one-on-one help from my teachers. It is quiet and the people are friendly."

Kennedy had a cumulative GPA of 3.5 in high school. She also received many scholarships. These include The Bright Future Scholarship, The Elks Auxiliary Scholarship, and the Saint Leo University Scholarship. All of these were for her academics, but the Bright Future Scholarship was also for her community service. She plans to major in Education and be an English professor at Saint Leo.

Kennedy doesn't have a regular paying job, but she does volunteer at SPCA (Special Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) in Spring Hill on the weekends. She helps out by doing various tasks, which include cleaning cages, bathing and walking animals, and giving water and food to animals. "I enjoy it a lot. I have been doing it for many years," she commented.

Kennedy not only volunteers her spare time, but finds time to spend with her friends and participate in her hobbies as well. She likes to go to Clearwater Beach with her friends to get a tan and play volleyball. She also likes drawing portraits of people and developing pictures. She enjoys listening to a variety of music. "I like everything but country and hard-core rap," Kennedy commented.

On the issue of drugs and alcohol, Kennedy said, "People are stupid for putting themselves in that position." On the topic of abortion, she commented, "I am pro-life, but if someone is raped or has contracted HIV virus, then it is better to have an abortion than to let the child suffer mentally or physically its whole life." She added, "My Roman Catholic religion greatly contributes to my view on drugs, alcohol, and abortion. I go to church every Sunday. I have been a strong Catholic for my entire life.

Kennedy's favorite movie is *The Little Mermaid*,

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A Health and Wellness Promotion Column from the SLU Health Center

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FAQ's about Meningococcal Meningitis

What are the symptoms?

The early symptoms usually associated with meningococcal meningitis include high fever severe headache, stiff neck, rash, nausea, vomiting and lethargy, and may resemble the flu.

How is meningococcal meningitis spread?

Many people in a population can be a carrier of meningococcal bacteria (up to 11 percent), and usually nothing happens to a person other than acquiring natural antibodies. Meningococcal bacteria are transmitted through the air via droplets of respiratory secretions and by direct contact with an infected person. Direct contact, for these purposes, is defined as oral contact with shared items, such as cigarettes or drinking glasses, or through intimate contact such as kissing.

Why should college students consider vaccination with the meningococcal vaccine?

Data from the CDC demonstrate that sub-populations of college students are at increased risk for meningococcal meningitis. Pre-exposure vaccination enhances immunity to four strains of meningococcus that cause 65-70 percent of invasive disease and therefore reduces a student's risk for disease. Development of immunity after vaccination requires 7 to 10 days.

How effective is the vaccine?

The meningococcal vaccine has been shown to provide protection against the most common strains of the disease, including serogroups A, C, Y and W-135. The vaccine is safe, and adverse reactions are mild and infrequent. The duration of the vaccine's efficacy is approximately three to five years.

Where can I find out more?

Visit the websites of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dbmd/diseaseinfo and the American College Health Association, www.acha.org .

Music Review: Modest Mouse- *The Moon and Antartica*

Nikki Franchini
Photo Editor

After much thought of trying to dig out a band that just put out a new c.d. worth listening to, Modest Mouse just seemed to be the right choice. I wanted to review a band the Saint Leo population would appreciate and possibly even choose to acquire through some modern technological acquisition vector. After all, what better things do you have to do? Homework?

In the underground music scene, Modest Mouse are the "indie- rock superstars." They have been signed to a major record label, Epic Records, and still keep their indie roots. The band consists of Isaac Brock on guitar and vocals, Eric Judy on bass, and Jeremiah Green on drums. These heart- throbs sing about the downs of life and the failures of attempted love. Yet they do all this with a raw, upbeat sound.

The Moon and Antarctica has a more polished sound than previous records. Modest Mouse is usually known for their quirky noises and clever words. This album has all this, but not as much as previous records. They just may, in fact, be growing up. The first song on the album is called "Third Planet." One of the lyrics is "The universe is shaped exactly like the earth/ if you go straight long enough you'll end up where you were." It is a really spacey song. Another rocking song on *The Moon and Antarctica* is "Perfect Disguise." It has a soft tone and is very melodic. This c.d. has all the components that make up a good rock album.

If you can ignore the improper grammar thrown in by Modest Mouse, they will be the perfect addition to your c.d. collection. Check them out.

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Horoscopes

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Taurus (April 20 – May 20)
Don't take candy from strangers – they might want it back.
Gemini (May 21 – June 21)
Gemini is out right now. Go ask Cleo.
Cancer (June 22 – July 22)
Time to start that paper, Buster. It's not like anyone else has your experience with venereal disease.
Leo (July 23 – August 22)
"What you talkin' 'bout, Leo?"
Virgo (August 23 – September 22)
As time rolls by, you realize more and more how people seem repelled by your beard-of-bees.
Libra (September 23 – August 23)
Be cautious – the chef's surprise this week will be a nasty case of botulism.
Scorpio (October 24 – November 21)
The differences between ketchup and catsup will fascinate you for hours on end.
Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)
You've always wondered why some cheese came individually wrapped. Now you know.
Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)
The frozen body of Walt Disney has chosen you to permanently host the Enchanted Tiki Room.
Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)
Venus is moving closer to the Bull, which means the Bull is going to be moving into your apartment, so clear some room out.
Pisces (February 19 – March 20)
In horoscopes, as in life, you are dead last.

****For entertainment purposes only!****

The Results Are In !!

The Journalism class of Saint Leo has conducted a Presidential Election Poll. The poll was taken from a pool of 198 people.

Total Results:
Gore - 89
Bush - 71
Nadar - 18
Buchanan - 3
Undecided - 11

Participant Breakdown:
Students - 178
Faculty - 4
Staff - 15
Other - 1

Registered voters (134):
Gore - 65
Bush - 48
Nadar - 8

Unregistered (64):
Gore - 24
Bush - 23
Nadar - 10

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that he ordered the prescription because he is addicted to the painkiller from a previous injury.

But on Tuesday, Cruz disputed the police account, telling the *Times* that he came to Spring Hill in 1997 after spending two years as a missionary in Honduras.

In November 1997, Cruz was arrested in Hernando County and charged with two counts of obtaining a prescription controlled substance by fraud.

He was convicted after a December 1998 Citrus County arrest for obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and resisting arrest.

It was unclear Tuesday night whether Cruz was convicted of the 1997 charges in Hernando County or what his sentence was for the 1998 Citrus County conviction.

In November 1999, Cruz helped found bilingual services at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Deltona Boulevard. He no longer interprets services there.

Cruz, who was born in New York City, attended Drew University in Madison, N.J., and was ordained into the Reformed Church of America in 1980. He then served as pastor at churches in New Brunswick and Hackensack, N.J.

Cruz posted $10,000 bail Friday and was released from Land O' Lakes jail.
-Researcher John Martin contributed to this report.
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because, "It's just so cute!" Her favorite TV shows are "The Tom Greene Show" and "The Man Show". "I like 'The Tom Greene Show' because it reminds me of myself sometimes because of the ditziness." Kennedy added, "I like The Man Show because it's hilarious!" Kennedy is a vegetarian; however, as she points out, "I eat at McDonald's sometimes because it's not real meat."

I found Kennedy's philosophy of life to be quite interesting. "Don't look at the negative things in life, but realize what you already have and you will live life to the fullest," Kennedy said.

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Langen is very out-spoken on this subject, and, when asked about it, a different look comes over his face.

"It blows" was the best way I have heard him put it. But, a more somber Langen will tell you that it is simply not fair.

But Scott Langen, a Business major, runs because he likes the sport, not because there is a chance of an athletic scholarship. He would make it his job if he could, but he is realistic about that not being an option. But he is going to stick with it for as long as he can. Since he started his college running career late, he still has one year of eligibility left he would be more than happy to use up. In the long run, he would like to someday work for Iron-Man.

Photo Poll: Class of 2004, what do, you think of Saint Leo?

Chris Boudreau— *"I like the cars, the weather, and the people. It's the better than up north."*

Aaron Menchen— *"It's quiet (peaceful).'*

Chrissy Deeb— *"I like the friendships that I have made."*

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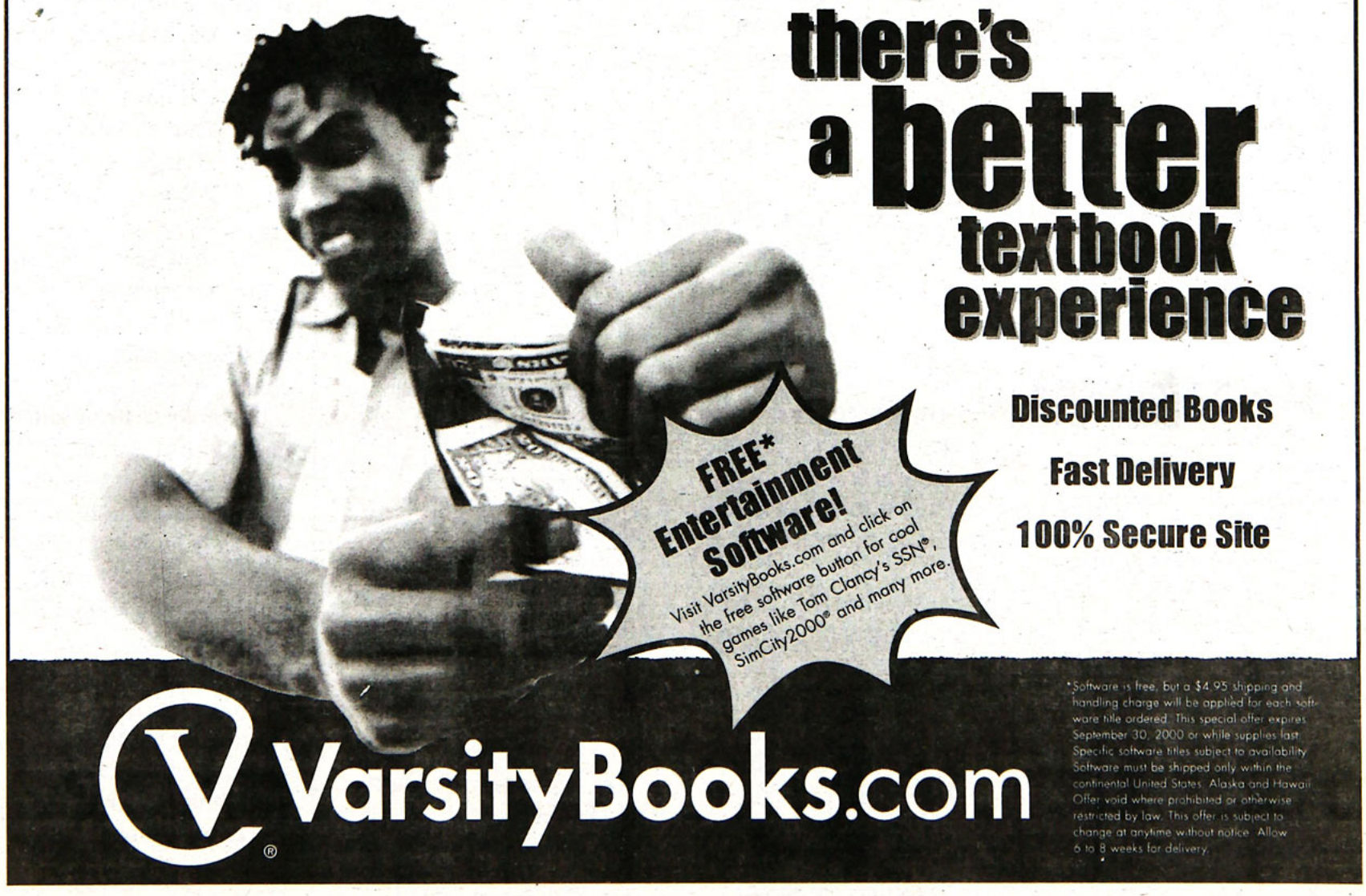
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